

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated March 26, 2007, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claims 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Additionally, claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,496,945 to Cepulis et al. in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,640,316 to Martin et al. The Examiner did indicate, however, that claims 9, 19 and 24-25 were directed to patentable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections to the extent that they are maintained. Nonetheless, Applicants have canceled claims 1-23, leaving only allowed claims 24-25 pending in the application. It is Applicants' intent to refile claims 1-23 in a continuing application, so no subject matter is being surrendered as a result of these amendments.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims (allowed claims 24 and 25) are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 24 and 25 are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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